

White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022

Meeting Commenced: 8:03am EST

Attendees:

In-person - Matt Herrmann; David Child, Andy Shulman, Joy Champaloux

Virtual - TJ Dant; Pete Fosselman; Peggy Schwartz; Michael Krauthammer; Krista Brick; Kris Warner; Amy Ginsburg; Charles Crerand; Brian Downie; Tom Lewis; Nikosi Yearwood

Welcome/Opening/PDP Update

Matt Herrmann

- M. Herrmann provided an update on the PDP indicating the articles of incorporation are complete and is now an official organization.
- There are 7 members on an interim board who will take responsibility of setting up the PDP.
- The focus is now on funding. M. Herrmann testified to ask the county for more funding to be budgeted in the new grant program. Specifically asking that the grant program be funded in the amount of \$1M.
- If additional funding is approved, around 5/16, we will put in an official request.
- P. Fosselman stated that we should copy county council influencers when seeking the funds to gain support.

Approval of Minutes from April 6th

- D. Child motioned to approve.
- A. Shulman 2nd
- All approved.

North Bethesda TMD Updates

P. Schwartz

- Gave an update on Bike to Work Day May 20th

Marketing/Placemaking Update

Kris Warner, Krista Brick

- Provided an update on the pop-up park, Friday Salsa starts May 6th and Thursday Concert Series starts June 2nd.
- Need help with recycling containers and DOT to block off parking for the food trucks and vendors. D. Child agreed to empty recycling when they are on site. P. Fosselman agreed to assist with DOT.

White Flint Plan – Economic Development Update

Tom Lewis

- Gave an update on the WMATA site. There will be a major announcement soon, within 1 -2 months about the future of the WMATA site. County is looking at an initial 25,000 square foot data computing facility, with funding from the State of \$37M in the first year, 2024 and then \$10M for 3-5 years following.

Matt Herrmann

- Has sent a letter of support to Maryland Congressional delegation for funding for the development of an Innovation Center in the North Bethesda/White Flint area.

BRT Plan Update

N. Yearwood

- Shared the site plan for WMATA and discussed plan for infrastructure improvements at Parcel B.
- Provided update on bike lanes in the area and feasibility study in progress.
- D. Child shared that he had already expressed concerns regarding safety with bike lanes if crossing in front of hotel main entrance and conference center entrance which he has expressed several times.

Meeting adjourned by Matt at 9am